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1. FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS RECEIVED ME LAST NIGHT -- HIS FIRST DAY BACK IN ATHENS -- TO RECEIVE THE SECRETARY'S ORAL MESSAGE (REFTELS). BITSIOS OPENED OUR MEETING BY CONGRATULATING ME ON OUR BICENTENNIAL EVENTS AND STRESSING THE GREAT SIGNIFICANCE OF CARAMANLIS AND ALL THE TOP GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERS ATTENDING OUR BICENTENNIAL RECEPTION. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT AND APPRECIATION FOR THE STATEMENTS I MADE IN MY INTERVIEW WITH AKROPOLIS OVER THE WEEKEND.

2. AFTER A DISCUSSION OF THE FIRST PART OF THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE CONCERNING THE TURKISH SEISMIC VESSEL (SEPTTEL) I READ ALOUD TO BITSIOS PARAGRAPH FOUR OF REF. C. CONCERNING CYPRUS, AS INSTRUCTED IN REF. A. WE THEN HAD A LONG DISCUSSION OF THE CYPRUS SITUATION AND THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS AND POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES WITH RESPECT TO A NEW ROUND OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

3. BITSIOS SAID HE HAD NOW HEARD FROM ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS REGARDING THE GREEK CYPRIOT POSITION. HE SAID

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THAT MAKARIOS HAD MET WITH DECUELLAR ON JUNE 29 AND HAD

INFORMED DECUELLAR THAT GREEK CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO TO A NEW ROUND OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS "WITHOU ANY PRECONDITIONS" BY EITHER SIDE. MAKARIOS PREFERRED NEW YORK AS THE SITE BUT VIENNA WOULD BE ALL RIGHT. THE TALKS COULD BE SCHEDULED FOR SOMETIME IN AUGUST. WHEN DECUELLAR ASKED MAKARIOS WHAT HE WOULD REGARD AS A REASONABLE BASIS ON THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY WALDHEIM CONVENING THE PARTIES AGAIN, MAKARIOS HAD RESPONDED, "A CERTAIN RAPPROCHEMENT IN THE POINTS OF VIEW" OF THE TWO SIDES. (BITSIOS THOUGHT THIS WAS VERY GOOD BECAUSE IT WAS GENERAL AND AMBIGUOUS ENOUGH TO GIVE WALDHEIM MANEUVERING ROOM.) CONTINUING TO READ FROM A TELEGRAM CONTAINING THE MESSAGE FROM MAKARIOS, BITSIOS SAID THAT MAKARIOS HAD AGREED THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE COULD HAVE MAINLAND TURKISH ADVISORS AT THE MEETING. HOWEVER, MAKARIOS HAD ASSERTED THAT THE POINTS MADE BY ONAN IN HIS LETTER COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE AS CRETERIA OR PRECONDITIONS FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS, ALTHOUGH ONAN'S POINTS COULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEGOTIATIONS THEMSELVES. MAKARIOS HAD ALSO TOLD DE CUELLAR THAT IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE MAJOR POLITICAL DECISIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN AT THE LEVEL OF THE NEGOTIATING PRINCIPALS AND COULD NOT BE TAKEN AT THE SUB-COMMITTEE LEVEL.

4. ON THE QUESTION OF MAPS, MAKARIOS HAD TOLD DE CUELLAR THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE WAS WILLING TO PRESENT MORE CONCRETE PROPOSALS AND "ON A MAP" IF THE TURKISH SIDE WOULD DO THE SAME THING. THEREFORE, BITSIOS SAID, IN ANSWER TO THE SECRETARY'S SPECIFIC INQUIRY, HE FAVORED THE SECRETARY APPROACHING THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH EXCHANGING "INITIAL POSITION TERRITORAIAL MAPS" THROUGH WALDHEIM. BITSIOS SAID HE FAVORS THIS PROCEDURE BECAUSE MAKARIOS FAVORS IT, AND THE GOG WISHES, WHEREEVER POSSIBLE, TO SUPPORT THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS. BITSIOS THOUGHT ALSO THAT THE EXCHANGE OF SUCH MAPS, IF IT COULD BE ARRANGED, WOULD FACILITATE WALDHEIM'S TASK IN ARRANGING FOR A SIXTH ROUND OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

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INDEED, BITSIOS WENT ON, IT WAS HIS OWN PERSONAL VIEW THAT WALDHEIM SHOULD ONLY CALL A NEW ROUND OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IF THERE WERE SOME REAL POSSIBILITIES OF SUCCESSFUL FORWARD PROGRESS. BITSIOS SAID THAT "SOME OF OUR FRIENDS" WANT WALDHEIM TO GO AHEAD AND CALL THE MEETING EVEN THOUGH NO ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAVE BEEN MADE; HOWEVER, BITSIOS SAID, HE DOES NOT AGREE WITH THIS APPROACH. HE SAID

HE FEARED THAT AN ABSENCE OF PROGRESS AT THE SIXTH ROUND WOULD LEAD TO A COLLAPSE OF THIS NEGOTIATING TRACK AND THEN WE WOULD ALL BE FACED WITH STRONG PRESSURES TO "INTERNATIONALIZE" THE CYPRUS PROBLEM ONCE AGAIN, INCLUDING RENEWED PRESSURES TO TAKE UP THE SOVIET PROPOSAL, WHICH WOULD BE POLITICALLY VERY DIFFICULT TO DEFLECT. THEREFORE, BITSIOS FAVORED MORE ADVANCE PREPARATION, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE EXCHANGE OF "INITIAL POSITION TERRITORIAL MAPS."

5. I ASKED BITSIOS WHAT THE TIMETABLE WAS FOR NEXT STEPS AND HE SAID THAT DE CUELLAR WAS SCHEDULED TO GO TO ANKARA JULY 13 14 AND THEN COME ON TO ATHENS ON JULY 15, IN ORDER TO GET A READING ON THE POSITIONS OF THE GREEK AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS. FOLLOWING THIS, BITSIOS SAID, HE UNDERSTOOD THAT DE CUELLAR WOULD MAKE A REPORT TO WALDHEIM ON THE BASIS OF WHICH WALDHEIM WOULD DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO TRY AND SCHEDULE A NEW ROUND OF INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS IN AUGUST.  
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